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APP IN BRAIN AS MODEL OF ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND
USES THEREOF

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COMMUNICATION IN RESPONSE TO SEPTEMBER 27, 2002 FINAL OFFICE
ACTION AND PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

This Communication is submitted in response to a September 27, 2002 Final Office Action issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the September 27, 2002 Office Action was originally due December 27, 2002. Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time. Applicants have previously established small entity status. The required fee for a three-month extension of time for a small entity is FOUR-HUNDRED AND SIXTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$465.00) and a check in this amount is enclosed. Therefore, a response to the September 27, 2002 Office Action is now due March 27, 2003. Accordingly, this Communication is being timely filed.

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 5, 10, and 14-16 are pending in the subject application. No claim has been added, cancelled or amended herein. Accordingly claims 1, 2, 5, 10, and 14-16 are still